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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: December 21, 2010

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATIONAL REPORT REGARDING THE ORDINANCE REPEALING CURRENT OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.12, FIRE CODE, AND ADOPTING AND MAKING LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MODEL FIRE CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATION TITLE 24, PART 9, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHAPTER 1, SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION, APPENDIX B AND BB FIRE-FLOW REQUIREMENTS, APPENDIX C AND CC, APPENDIX D FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS, APPENDIX F HAZARD RANKING FIRE HYDRANT LOCATIONS, APPENDIX I FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS -NONCOMPLIANT CONDITIONS, APPENDIX J-EMERGENCY RESPONDER RADIO COVERAGE AND NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AND OTHER REFERENCED STANDARDS AS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AND RE-CODIFYING SAID CODE AT OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.12 AS THE OAKLAND FIRE CODE

SUMMARY

Effective January 1, 2011, the California Building Standards Commission shall adopt portions of the 2009 International Fire Code into the 2010 California Fire Code. The remaining portions of the document were not adopted. Health & Safety Code Section 17958.5 permits the City of Oakland to make such changes or modifications to the Codes as are reasonably necessary to account for the protection of life, health, and property based on local conditions.

The Fire Department has reviewed these code documents and recommends that Council adopt the 2010 edition of the California Fire Code including City of Oakland amendments. At the request of the Public Safety Committee, staff was requested to provide additional information regarding the fiscal impact of the adoption of the 2010 California Fire Code (CFC).

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Oakland or to the Fire Department. This is an administrative action mandated by State law. The provisions contained in the 2010 CFC are currently enforced and implemented by Fire Code inspectors. There are provisions contained in the adoption of the 2010 CFC that would allow for penalties to be assessed for failure to maintain mandated fire/life safety provisions (i.e. blocked exits, fire sprinklers, etc.). Businesses that fail to meet these mandated fire/life safety requirements jeopardize the safety of employees and residents.

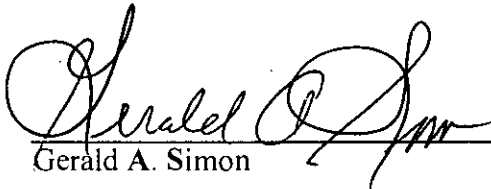
The specific requirements mandated by the adoption of the CFC are: (1) automatic sprinklers in the high fire hazard area and new buildings over 3600 square feet; (2) fire alarm or other life safety systems; (3) fire department access; (4) citation program; and (5) administration.

The requirements for these code provisions are based upon the occupancy or use designation of the building. The specific costs to achieve the fire safety performance goals are based upon: (1) construction type, (2) building size, and (3) material cost. These costs are projected in the design of the building during the concept/design phase and are consistent statewide. Every city and county is required to adopt the California Fire Code. This ensures that the primary fire safety provisions are consistent with the enforcement agencies. The adoption of the 2010 CFC does not add any new fees or charges to businesses or residents that were not contained in the previous Oakland Fire Code.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the supplemental report regarding the approval of the ordinance amending the Oakland Fire Code to allow for the adoption of the 2010 edition of the California Fire Code, including City of Oakland amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



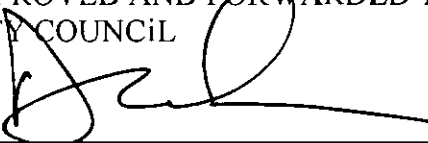
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